

DOE Seeks Public Comment

Displays will be set up for viewing and discussion at each location from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mall/Library Public Meetings:

Agency representatives will be available one hour before the meeting for informal discussions concerning these projects. All public meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. A court reporter will prepare a transcript of the public meetings and record public comments.

June 6

Community Room, Grand Teton Mall
2300 E. 17th Street
Idaho Falls

June 8

Boise Public Library
715 S. Capitol Blvd.
Boise

June 9

Palouse Empire Mall
1850 W. Pullman Road
Moscow

Pocatello/Twin Falls

To request a briefing, copy of the proposed plan, or an auxiliary aid, call the regional INEL offices at 233-4731 (Pocatello), and 734-0463 (Twin Falls) or the INEL's toll-free number at (800) 708-2680.



IDAHO DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Proposed Plan for Test Area North

The Department of Energy encourages public comment during the 30-day comment period on remedial alternatives and preliminary investigations contained in a proposed cleanup plan for Test Area North. The plan was prepared by DOE Idaho, EPA Region 10, and the State of Idaho Division of Environmental Quality. The following describes the projects.

Comment Period—May 18 to June 17, 1994

Groundwater Contamination (Operable Unit 1-07B)—This project involves contamination resulting from injection of organic, inorganic and low-level radioactive wastewaters into the Snake River Plain Aquifer beneath the Test Area North facility from 1955 to 1972. Remedial alternatives considered by the agencies include the following:

- **Alternative 1— No Action:** Contaminated groundwater would remain uncontained and untreated, but would be monitored.
- **Alternative 2— Limited Action Consisting of Institutional Controls:** Controlling and preventing exposure to contaminated groundwater, possibly installing an alternate water supply, posting the area, prohibiting installation and use of any wells for drinking water, and monitoring.
- **Alternative 3— Groundwater Plume Extraction with Air Stripping; Enhanced Extraction of Hotspot with Aboveground Treatment (preferred alternative):** Continuation of the current interim action at the injection well, institutional controls, groundwater monitoring, extraction and treatment of all groundwater with trichloroethene concentrations of 5,000 parts per billion, and removal of the hotspot in the immediate vicinity of the injection well.
- **Alternative 4— Groundwater Plume Extraction with Air Stripping; Enhanced Extraction of Hotspot with Aboveground Treatment:** This is the same as Alternative 3, but would extract and treat all groundwater in concentrations over 25 parts per billion.

No Action Sites (Operable Units 1-01, -02, -06, -09)—Preliminary investigations for these sites have been evaluated and the agencies recommend no further action:

- **18 sites involving underground storage tanks** — Former tank sites, many of which have been removed, have been evaluated and determined to pose an acceptable risk.
- **10 sites involving soil contamination** — Determined to not exist, to have been removed previously, or to exist at levels that pose an acceptable risk to human health or the environment.
- **3 sites involving wastewater disposal**— Potential contaminants discharged have either been neutralized, biodegraded, or pose an acceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Written comments on this proposed plan may be addressed and sent to:

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Additional Information

Supporting documents and copies of the proposed plan will be available before the beginning of the comment period, by Operable Unit number, in the Administrative Record section of the INEL Information Repository at the INEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies of these documents will also be available in the following locations: Shoshone-Bannock Library in Fort Hall, University of Idaho Library in Moscow, and in regional INEL offices in Pocatello, Twin Falls, and Boise.